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In re Application of:
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For: Reliability Barrier Integration CU
Application

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 19, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 19, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/1931.P1/KMT for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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